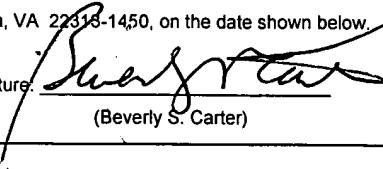




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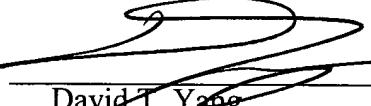
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant requests that the enclosed examination report, issued on September 8, 2005 in the corresponding European Patent Application No. 00120871.9, be placed in the above-identified application. The documents cited in this examination report were previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office. The Examiner is requested to make this document of record.

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Communication pursuant to Article 96(2) EPC

The examination of the above-identified application has revealed that it does not meet the requirements of the European Patent Convention for the reasons enclosed herewith. If the deficiencies indicated are not rectified the application may be refused pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC.

You are invited to file your observations and insofar as the deficiencies are such as to be rectifiable, to correct the indicated deficiencies within a period

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from the notification of this communication, this period being computed in accordance with Rules 78(2) and 83(2) and (4) EPC.

One set of amendments to the description, claims and drawings is to be filed within the said period on separate sheets (Rule 36(1) EPC).

Failure to comply with this invitation in due time will result in the application being deemed to be withdrawn (Article 96(3) EPC).



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The examination is being carried out on the **following application documents**:

Description, Pages

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Claims, Numbers

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Drawings, Sheets

1/13-13/13 as originally filed

D1: EP-A-0 907 160 (YAMAHA CORP) 7 April 1999 (1999-04-07)

D2: US-A-5 300 724 (MEDOVICH MARK) 5 April 1994 (1994-04-05)

D3: US-A-5 602 356 (MOHRBACHER BERNARD) 11 February 1997 (1997-02-11)

1. The application is contrary to the clarity and conciseness requirements of Art 84 EPC and is also contrary to the requirements of Rule 29(2)EPC because it includes too many independent claims in the same category; this multiplicity obscures the scope of the claims. Only one claim in each category is allowable for the present alleged invention.
2. No detailed examination can be carried out before the above objections are overcome. However it is pointed out that the closest prior art is considered to be D1 and that the many independent claims appear to claim, insofar as they can be understood, different concepts which lack unity of invention in the sense of Art.82 EPC with one another a posteriori over D1.



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The applicant is therefore requested to clearly state which one of these concepts it intends to pursue, and why it should be considered to be novel and inventive over D1.

4. Rules 27(1)b, 29(1) and 29(7) currently are not met.

At least D1 should be cited in the description as the applicant's own prior art, and the independent claims should include reference signs according to rule 29(7)EPC and be cast in two part form based on the disclosure of D1.